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For your Situational Awareness.

UPDATE #1 – EPA START contractor arrived yesterday evening and began air monitoring around the residence. All results were non-detect. This morning (01/3/17) all the responders and agencies involved met at the Amarillo EOC to discuss the path forward. First item was the capture of two dogs at the residence, which may have crawled up under the house. These dogs may be protective and need to be removed before an evaluation of conditions under the house can be made. Several cleanup options were discussed, which include removal of the material and some soil from under the house and disposing or dousing the material under the house and letting the remaining material activate and off-gas. The TCEQ contractor will do a site assessment and a determination will be made of how to proceed with clean up. The Amarillo Police Department has secured the area around the residence.

Also, here's TCEQ's draft media response as media coverage at the site has intensified today.

"TCEQ is working closely with local authorities, the EPA, TDA, and local and state emergency response personnel. The media contact for the unified command is: Jesse Patton with the City of Amarillo 806-378-5219.

The TCEQ is overseeing cleanup of the site. At this time, TCEQ's contractor is conducting a site assessment and will conduct the cleanup once the best method is determined.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has jurisdiction over the proper use of pesticides and is conducting an investigation.

The EPA continues to conduct air monitoring at the site."